EASY-OPENING CONTAINER AND CLOSURE WITH RADIATION-WEAKENED BOND AND METHOD THEREFOR

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An easy-opening container and a closure and method therefor are provided. The closure is bonded to a base portion of the container by a bond that can be weakened by radiation, such as microwave radiation. The bond can be weakened after a retort process or other operation so that the bond and, hence, the container is strong enough to resist the forces associated with retort processing but easily opened by a consumer or other user. Either or both of the closure and the base portion can be formed of plastic, and the container can be hermetically sealed for containing food or for other uses.

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